

1.(Original) A pool cover assembly, comprising:

a pool cover having an aperture extending therethrough; and

a drain assembly attached to said pool cover, wherein said drain assembly comprises:

a debris filter;

a basin interconnected with said debris filter, wherein said aperture and at least a portion of said pool cover are disposed between said debris filter and said basin, wherein a weight density of said drain assembly greater than that of water.

2. (Original) A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:

a weight of said drain assembly is between about 5 pounds and about 9 pounds.

3. (Original) A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:

said drain assembly includes a dead weight disposed in said basin.

4. (Original) A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 3, wherein:

said drain assembly includes a dead weight disposed on a floor of said basin.

5. (Original) A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:

said drain assembly further comprises a weighting feature having a first connector portion, and wherein a bottom of said basin of said drain assembly comprises a second connector portion engagable with said first connector portion.

6. (Withdrawn) A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:

said drain assembly includes a water pump disposed within said basin.

7. (Original) A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising:

a drainage conduit connected to said basin of said drain assembly.

8. (Original) A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 7, wherein:

said drainage conduit exhibits a weight density greater than that of water.

9. (Original) A pool cover assembly, comprising:

 a pool cover having a top surface, an opposing bottom surface, and an aperture that spans from said top surface to said bottom surface; and

 a drain assembly attached to said pool cover, wherein said drain assembly comprises a debris filter disposed within said aperture of said pool cover.

10(Original). A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 9, wherein:

 at least a portion of said debris filter extends through said aperture in said pool cover and is disposed beyond said bottom surface of said pool cover.

11(Original). A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 10, wherein:

 at least a portion of said debris filter sticks out from said aperture in said pool cover and is disposed beyond said top surface of said pool cover.

12(Original). A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 9, wherein:

 said drain assembly exhibits a weight of between about 5 pounds and about 9 pounds.

13(Original). A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 9, wherein:

 said drain assembly comprises a conduit interconnected with said debris filter.

14. (Original) A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 13, wherein:

 said drain assembly includes a dead weight disposed within said conduit to weight down said drain assembly.

15(Original). A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 13, wherein:

 said conduit comprises a basin and a pipe connected to said basin.

16(Original). A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 15, wherein:

 said drain assembly includes a dead weight weighing at least about 5 pounds disposed within said basin.

17(Original). A pool cover assembly, as claimed in Claim 15, wherein:

 said debris filter is connected to said basin, and wherein said basin interconnects said debris filter and said pipe.

18.(Withdrawn) A pool system, comprising:

 a pool having a floor and at least one side wall; and

a pool cover assembly comprising a pool cover having an aperture defined therein and a drain assembly attached to said pool cover and associated with said aperture of said pool cover,

wherein said drain assembly includes a debris filter, and

wherein said drain assembly exhibits a weight sufficient to position at least a portion of said drain cover at or below a water level of said pool.

19.(Withdrawn) A pool system, as claimed in Claim 18, wherein:

 said weight of said drain assembly is between about 5 pounds and about 9 pounds.

20.(Withdrawn) A pool system, as claimed in Claim 18, wherein:

 said debris filter has a substantially concave side that faces said bottom of said pool.

21.(Withdrawn) A pool system, as claimed in Claim 18, wherein:

 said drain assembly includes a dead weight disposed within said drain assembly.

22.(Withdrawn) A pool system, as claimed in Claim 18, wherein:

 said drain assembly comprises a conduit interconnecting said debris filter and a port associated with said side of said pool.

23.(Withdrawn) A pool system, as claimed in Claim 22, wherein:

 said conduit exhibits a weight density of no less than about 62 lb per cubic foot.

24.(Withdrawn) A pool system, as claimed in Claim 22, wherein:

 said drain assembly includes a dead weight disposed within said conduit.

25.(Withdrawn) A pool system, as claimed in Claim 18, wherein:

 said drain assembly comprises a basin interconnected with said debris filter and a conduit connected to said basin.

26.(Withdrawn) A pool system, as claimed in Claim 25, wherein:

 a dead weight of at least about _____ pounds is disposed within said basin.

27.(Withdrawn) A pool system, as claimed in Claim 25, wherein:

 a dead weight of at least about _____ pounds is attached to a bottom of said basin, wherein said dead weight is disposed between said basin and said floor of said pool.

28.(Withdrawn) A pool system, as claimed in Claim 25, wherein:

 said drain assembly includes a water pump disposed within said basin.

29.(Withdrawn) A pool system, as claimed in Claim 18, wherein:

said debris filter is releasably interconnected with a portion of said drain assembly in a snap-on fashion.

30.(Withdrawn) A pool cover assembly, comprising:

a pool cover having an aperture extending therethrough;

a drain assembly attached to said pool cover, wherein said drain assembly comprises:

a debris filter;

a basin interconnected with said debris filter, wherein said aperture and at least a portion of said pool cover are disposed between said debris filter and said basin; and

a water pump disposed within said basin, wherein a weight density of said drain assembly is substantially equal to or greater than that of water; and

a drainage conduit connected to said basin, wherein said drainage conduit exhibits a weight density substantially equal to or greater than that of water.